

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: PIEZOELECTRIC DEVICE, LIQUID JETTING HEAD, FERROELECTRIC DEVICE,
ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING THESE DEVICES

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated October 19, 2006.

The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase certain limitations of claims 1-13, 26-28, 32-35, 40-45, 52, 53, 55, and 56, and therefore do not accurately restate the entirety of the claimed invention, or further independent reasons for patentability. The claims should be understood with respect to their own language, not the Examiner's paraphrase.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to

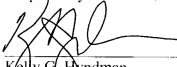
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engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated October 19, 2006.

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